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## RESPONSE TO SIXTH OFFICE ACTION AND SUBMISSION OF TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

This is a response to the sixth Office action issued in connection with the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-14, 16-17, 20-22, 27-31, 34-39, 41-58 and 63-76 are presently pending. In the sixth Office action, all prior grounds for rejection were withdrawn. However, the presently pending claims were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Applicant's U.S. Patent Nos. 6,823,798 and 7,059,233. Although Applicant respectfully traverses this further rejection of the claims, a Terminal Disclaimer over these commonly owned patents is enclosed with this response and is believed to overcome these remaining rejections of the claims. With the entry of the

Terminal Disclaimer, Applicant submits that all of the issues raised in the Office action have been addressed and overcome.

If there are any remaining issues or if the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's undersigned attorney in advance of issuing a further, seventh, Office action in this long-pending application. Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached at the number listed below.

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